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TIFFANY WILSON

Belvidere, NJ 07823

Plaintiff,

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v. : CIVIL ACTION NO.

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COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

669 Washington Street Easton, PA 18042

and,

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

669 Washington Street Easton, PA 18042

Defendants.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff, Tiffany Wilson ("Plaintiff"), brings this action against her former employer, County of Northampton and Department of Corrections of Northampton County (collectively, "Defendants") for unlawful discrimination based on her sex and retaliation because of her complaints of sex discrimination and retaliation, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et seq. ("Title VII"), and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, as amended, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq. ("PHRA"). Plaintiff seeks all damages, including economic loss, compensatory and punitive damages, attorneys' fees and costs, and all other relief this Court deems appropriate under applicable federal and state law.

II. PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff is an individual and a citizen of the state of New Jersey.
- 2. Plaintiff is a female.
- 3. Defendant County of Northampton is a public organization and citizen of Pennsylvania, with a principal place of business located in Easton, Pennsylvania. Defendant County of Northampton is funded through tax-payer monies, is tasked with the legislative and executive functions involved in the oversight and regulation of property and finances that are within and involving the areas falling within Northampton County, Pennsylvania.
- 4. Defendant Department of Corrections of Northampton County is a public organization and citizen of Pennsylvania, with a principal place of business located in Easton, Pennsylvania.
- 5. Northampton County controls and directs the Department of Corrections of Northampton County, including in connection with funding and salaries for its employees.
 - 6. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff was paid by Northampton County.
- 7. Defendants are engaged in an industry affecting interstate commerce and regularly does business in Pennsylvania.
- 8. At all times material hereto, Defendants acted as an "employer" of Plaintiff within the meaning of the statutes which form the bases of this matter.
- 9. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff was an "employee" of Defendant within the meaning of the statutes which form the bases of this matter.
- 10. At all times material hereto, Defendants employed more than fifteen (15) employees.
 - 11. At all times material hereto, Defendant acted by and through its authorized agents,

servants, workmen, and/or employees acting within the course and scope of their employment with Defendants and in furtherance of Defendants' business interests.

III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 12. The causes of action which form the basis of this matter arise under Title VII and the PHRA.
- 13. The District Court has jurisdiction over the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), in that the Plaintiff is a citizen of New Jersey and Defendant is a citizen of Pennsylvania and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and 28 U.S.C. § 1331, in that Plaintiff has alleged violations of federal law.
- 14. The District Court has jurisdiction over Count I (Title VII) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1332.
- 15. The District Court has jurisdiction over Count II (PHRA) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 and § 1367.
 - 16. Venue is proper in the District Court under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b).
- 17. On October 31, 2019, Plaintiff filed a Complaint with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission ("PHRC"), complaining of acts of discrimination and retaliation alleged herein (the "Complaint"). The Complaint was cross-filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"). Attached hereto, incorporated herein, and marked as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Complaint (with personal identifying information redacted).
- 18. More than 1 year has passed since Plaintiff filed his Complaint of Discrimination with the PHRC and EEOC.
 - 19. On or about May 21, 2021, the EEOC issued to Plaintiff a Notice of Right to Sue

for the Complaint (the "Notice"). Attached hereto, incorporated herein, and marked as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the Notice (with personal identifying information redacted).

20. Plaintiff has fully complied with all administrative prerequisites for the commencement of this action.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 21. Plaintiff was hired by Defendants in or about October 22, 2018.
- 22. At the time of her separation from Defendants on July 27, 2020, Plaintiff held the position of Corrections Officer.
- 23. As a Corrections Officer, Plaintiff directly reported to Lieutenant Mark Williams ("Williams") (male); Williams reported to Captain Jason Werley ("Werley") (male).
- 24. During her employment with Defendants, Plaintiff was one of approximately 15 female Correction Officer employees out of approximately 200 Correction Officer employees reporting indirectly to Werley.
- 25. Defendants have an underrepresentation of female employees, particularly in high-level positions, such as Lieutenant and Captain.
- 26. Beginning in or about February of 2019, on an ongoing basis, Plaintiff was subjected to a hostile work environment at Defendant based on her sex, which included, but was not limited to, being subjected to unwelcome, harassing, and offensive comments and conduct by Kristan Camacho ("Camacho") (male), Corrections Officer, who wanted to have a personal and sexual relationship with Plaintiff. For example:
- a. Sending Plaintiff text messages of a personal nature and asking Plaintiff to go out with him for drinks after work;

- b. Repeatedly making comments about her physical appearance, including commenting that Plaintiff looked "great" and telling her that he could tell that she was working out;
 - c. Watching Plaintiff on the security cameras at work;
 - d. Telling Plaintiff that she should go on vacations with him to Florida;
- e. Repeatedly calling Plaintiff outside of work on her personal cell phone, despite Plaintiff's requests that he stop;
- f. Repeatedly talking about taking Plaintiff out, despite Plaintiff continuously rejecting his requests;
- g. Telling Plaintiff that he should come over to her house and stating that he was great with kids and could help Plaintiff out, because she was a single parent;
- h. Working overtime hours so he could work extra shifts when Plaintiff was; and
 - i. Taking his work breaks when Plaintiff did.
- 27. On numerous occasions, Plaintiff rejected Camacho's advancements and asked him to stop calling her and to leave her alone.
 - 28. When Plaintiff rejected Camacho's advances, Camacho would become upset.
- 29. Despite Plaintiff's objections and rejections, Camacho did not stop his harassing comments and conduct.
- 30. On or about February 19, 2019, in a meeting with Captain David Collins ("Collins") (male), Plaintiff subjected written incident reports complaining of Camacho's sex discriminatory conduct (the "February 19th Meeting").

- 31. During the February 19th Meeting, Plaintiff complained that Camacho was trying to have a personal and sexual relationship with her, and that Plaintiff felt powerless as a female in a male-dominated industry.
- 32. During the February 19th Meeting, Plaintiff complained to Collins that Camacho's sex-based comments and conduct toward her had been going on for some time but that she was afraid to report it because she was a new employee at Defendants.
- 33. During the February 19th Meeting, Plaintiff complained to Collins that Camacho made her feel uncomfortable and nervous.
- 34. In response to Plaintiff's complaints of sex discrimination, Collins accused Plaintiff of responding to Camacho's text messages and did not appear to take her sex discrimination complaints seriously.
- 35. Defendants failed to remedy or prevent the sex discrimination to which Plaintiff was subjected.
- 36. In or around April of 2019, Camacho approached Plaintiff and asked her if she made a complaint about him.
- 37. Plaintiff responded by telling Camacho that she made a complaint against him because she was feeling uncomfortable with his comments and conduct towards her.
- 38. In or around April of 2019, Camacho sent an Edible Arrangements fruit bouquet to Plaintiff's house.
- 39. In or around April of 2019, after Plaintiff's complaint of sex discrimination to Collins, Camacho's unwelcome, harassing, and offensive conduct continued. For example:
 - a. Physically touching Plaintiff's shoulder and the back of her neck;
 - b. Running his hands through Plaintiff's hair; and

- c. Placing his hand on Plaintiff's upper back and sliding it down to her lower back.
- 40. In or around April of 2019, Eric Slack ("Slack") (male), Corrections Officer, commented to Orlando Rivera ("Rivera") (male), Corrections Officer, how weird it was that Camacho placed his hand on Plaintiff's upper back and slid it down to her lower back.
- 41. On April 19, 2019, Camacho followed Plaintiff around at work and continued to come toward her and aggressively backed her into a corner.
- 42. Officer Camacho returned to Plaintiff's office later that day and put her water jug down on her desk and pulled up a chair next to her desk, trapping her in her office; the only way to get out was to walk by Camacho but in a very close manner, which Plaintiff felt uncomfortable doings.
- 43. In response, Plaintiff put her hand out in front of her to stop him from coming closer to her and continued to tell him to back up and stop cornering her.
- 44. On April 27, 2019, Camacho watched Plaintiff put on ChapStick, and stated to her: "let me get some, but not from the container."
- 45. Plaintiff understood that Camacho wanted to kiss her, and she rejected his advances.
- 46. On April 27, 2019, following his latest acts of harassment, Camacho again approached Plaintiff in her office and was persistent in trying to hold a conversation with her as she was working.
- 47. Camacho was making it difficult for Plaintiff to work by playing with items on her desk or trying to touch her shoulders and her hair.

- 48. After Camacho left Plaintiff's office, Brittany Boreli ("Borelli") (female), Corrections Officer, came into Plaintiff's office and asked what Camacho was doing.
- 49. Plaintiff told Borelli that she had complained about Camacho due to his sex-based comments and conduct toward her, and that he would not stop and leave her alone.
- 50. Borelli told Plaintiff that she had noticed that he was "really all over [Plaintiff] and would not leave [Plaintiff] alone."
- 51. On Plaintiff's way back to her office from a "round" (the act of walking through and surveilling a prison unit) Camacho walked toward her and commented that she went on her round without him.
- 52. On or about April 27, 2019, as Plaintiff walked past Camacho in the hallway, Camacho turned toward her and smacked her buttocks.
- 53. Plaintiff quickly walked away from Camacho, as she was in too much shock to know how to respond, and Camacho laughed and stated, "it is not that serious, I was just messing with you."
- 54. On April 27, 2019, Camacho called Plaintiff from an unrecognized number on her personal cell phone, asking her if she was upset.
- 55. On or about May 6, 2019, in a meeting with Williams, after he returned from vacation, Plaintiff complained of Camacho's continued sex discriminatory and retaliatory conduct (the "May 6th Meeting").
- 56. During the May 6th Meeting, Plaintiff complained of all the incidents that occurred since her February 2018 complaint about Camacho, including that he slapped her on her buttocks.

- 57. During the May 6th Meeting, Williams pulled up video footage showing the incident in which Camacho slapped Plaintiff on her buttocks.
- 58. At the end of the May 6th Meeting, Williams stated to Plaintiff that Camacho was not going to remain employed with Defendants.
- 59. On or about May 20, 2019, in a meeting with Elizabeth Kelly ("Kelly") (female), Human Resources Director, Plaintiff submitted a written incident report and complained of Camacho's sex discriminatory and retaliatory conduct.
- 60. Plaintiff complaint to Kelly included that Camacho slapped her on her buttocks and engaged in retaliation and sex-based comments and conduct toward her, outlining all of the incidents alleged herein.
- 61. Kelly stated to Plaintiff that Camacho's behavior was unacceptable and that it would not be tolerated.
- 62. In or around June of 2019, Defendants placed Camacho on a paid administrative leave for approximately 2 months.
- 63. While Camacho was on paid administrative leave, Plaintiff heard that employees were spreading rumors that Camacho and Plaintiff had a sexual relationship.
- 64. While Camacho was on paid administrative leave, Plaintiff heard that employees were stating that she could not be trusted, and that she was getting male employees fired.
- 65. As a result of her complaints against Camacho, male employees began ignoring Plaintiff and excluding her from conversations at work.
- 66. In response to the rumors and ongoing discriminatory and retaliatory conduct of Plaintiff's male peers, female employees told Plaintiff that sex-based comments and conduct were normal at Defendants, that Camacho would not get fired, and that if female employees,

including Plaintiff, wanted to keep their jobs, they "just have to get over it and have a thick skin."

- 67. In or around early-August of 2019, Plaintiff complained to Kelly that she was upset and uncomfortable with how Defendants handled her complaints, and that she was afraid for her safety because Camacho knew where she lived, as evidenced by him sending Plaintiff an Edible Arrangements fruit bouquet to her home.
- 68. Plaintiff told Kelly that she was planning to move out of her current apartment, to which Kelly responded that it was a good idea.
- 69. On August 13, 2019, Kelly informed Plaintiff that Camacho would be returning to work at Defendants.
- 70. On August 13, 2019, Defendants issued to Plaintiff a Directive entitled "Direction for personal safety."
- 71. Kelly told Plaintiff that she was issued the Directive "[f]or [Plaintiff's] protection."
 - 72. The Directive stated the following:

In order to eliminate the risk of any violation of County Policy 3.102, Unlawful Harassment Prevention, which includes sexual harassment, occurring toward you by Corrections Officer Kristian Camacho, you are hereby directed to comply with the following directive: 1. Do not have any unnecessary verbal contact or communication with Corrections Officer Kristian Camacho. Unnecessary contact includes any conversation, text messages, email, or other communication by any means that is friendly or social in nature. Unnecessary contact also includes any such communication that is not absolutely required in order to preform your work duties. 2. Although it is expected that there is no reason that you will have any physical contact with Officer Camacho, you are hereby directed to use your best efforts to avoid unnecessary physical contact with Officer Camacho. The workplace includes all County buildings, parking lots, walkways and other areas in or near where work is performed.

- 73. The Directive stated that Defendants "hope that [Camacho and Plaintiff] can both continue to work at [Defendants] without any violation of the County's unlawful Harassment Policy, No. 3.102 or any inappropriate contact."
- 74. In or around August or September of 2019, Plaintiff was told that Camacho was talking about her to other employees and joking about slapping her "ass," stating that he got a paid vacation out of it.
- 75. In or around August or September of 2019, male employees, including Barry Mlodossich ("Mlodossich") (male), Corrections Officer, John Cronce ("Cronce") (male), Corrections Officer, and Rivera (male), commented to Plaintiff: "Hey, Wilson, I'm looking for a vacation, can I slap your ass?" or words to that effect.
- 76. In or around August or September of 2019, male employees, including Mlodossich, Cronce, and Rivera, commented to Plaintiff: "I don't blame Camacho, I would have slapped your ass too," or words to that effect.
- 77. Upon information and belief, other female employees have been subjected to sex-based comments and conduct at Defendants. For example, female employees were stalked by male employees, are subjected to comments about their bodies and physical appearance, asked to have "threesomes," and subjected to sexual comments about what things the male employees want to do to the female employees to them. Additionally, certain male employees have reputations for forcing themselves on female employees.
- 78. Upon information and belief, on at least three occasions, other women have made complaints against Camacho alleging sexual harassment towards themselves or others.
- 79. When female employees have complained of sex discrimination, Defendants have been dismissive of the complaints.

- 80. Defendants have failed to remedy or prevent a culture of sex discrimination at Defendants.
- 81. On several occasions in late-2019 and early-2020, Plaintiff complained to Lieutenants Scott Goldy ("Goldy") (male), Daniel VanArsdale ("VanArsdale") (male), and Ryan Dragotta ("Dragotta") (male), her supervising Lieutenants, about the discriminatory and retaliatory conduct that she was being subjected to, including, but not limited to, that Camacho and other male employees were spreading false rumors of a sexual nature about her; that she was being treated differently by her male peers, including being ignored and excluded from conversations; that she was being scheduled for unfavorable work posts (*e.g.*, maximum security female units); and that she was the only Corrections Officer who was denied a taser despite being assigned to Defendants' tactical team (C.E.R.T. Team).
- 82. In response to her complaints, Plaintiff was told that she should just move pass the incidents, because Defendants could not do anything about it and would not look into rumors and hearsay.
- 83. Defendants failed to remedy or prevent the sex discrimination and retaliation to which Plaintiff was subjected.
- 84. On July 27, 2020, Plaintiff submitted a letter to Lieutenants Goldy, VanArsdale, and Dragotta, via email, notifying them that she was ending her employment with Defendants because of the ongoing discriminatory and retaliatory conduct, and Defendant's failure to remediate same (the "July 27th Letter").
- 85. Defendants did not respond to the allegations of discrimination and retaliations in Plaintiff's July 27th Letter.
 - 86. Plaintiff's sex was a motivating and/or determinative factor in Defendants'

discriminatory and retaliatory treatment of Plaintiff, including, but not limited to, the hostile work environment to which Plaintiff was subjected, which caused Plaintiff to terminate her employment with Defendants, and constituted a continuing violation.

- 87. Plaintiff's complaints of sex discrimination and retaliation were a motivating and/or determinative factor in Defendants' retaliatory treatment of Plaintiff, including, but not limited to, the hostile work environment to which Plaintiff was subjected, which caused Plaintiff to terminate her employment with Defendants, and constituted a continuing violation.
- 88. Plaintiff's rejections of Camacho's sexual advancements were a motivating and/or determinative factor in Defendants' retaliatory treatment of Plaintiff, including, but not limited to, the hostile work environment to which Plaintiff was subjected which caused Plaintiff to terminate her employment with Defendants, and constituted a continuing violation.
- 89. The retaliatory actions taken against Plaintiff after she engaged in protected activity, including, but not limited to, the hostile work environment to which Plaintiff was subjected, would discourage a reasonable employee from complaining of discrimination at Defendants, and constituted a continuing violation.
- 90. Defendants failed to prevent or address the discriminatory and retaliatory conduct referred to herein and further failed to take corrective and remedial measures to make the workplace free of discriminatory conduct.
- 91. The discriminatory and retaliatory conduct of Defendants, as alleged herein, was severe and/or pervasive enough to make a reasonable person believe that the conditions of employment had been altered and that a hostile work environment existed, and made Plaintiff believe that the conditions of employment had been altered and that a hostile work environment existed.

- 92. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' discrimination and retaliation, Plaintiff has in the past incurred, and may in the future incur, a loss of earnings and/or earning capacity, loss of benefits, pain and suffering, embarrassment, humiliation, loss of self-esteem, mental anguish, and loss of life's pleasures, the full extent of which is not known at this time.
- 93. Defendants acted with malice and/or reckless indifference to Plaintiff's protected rights, which warrants the imposition of punitive damages against Defendants.

COUNT I (VIOLATION OF TITLE VII)

- 94. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference the above paragraphs as if set forth herein in their entirety.
- 95. By committing the foregoing acts of discrimination and retaliation against Plaintiff, Defendants have violated Title VII.
- 96. Said violations were intentional and with malice and/or reckless indifference to Plaintiff's rights and warrant the imposition of punitive damages.
- 97. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violation of Title VII, Plaintiff has sustained the injuries, damages, and losses set forth herein and has incurred attorneys' fees and costs.
- 98. Plaintiff is now suffering and will continue to suffer irreparable injury and monetary damages as a result of Defendants' discriminatory and retaliatory acts unless and until this Court grants the relief requested herein.
 - 99. No previous application has been made for the relief requested herein.

COUNT II (VIOLATION OF THE PHRA)

100. Plaintiff incorporates the paragraphs above as if set forth herein in their entirety.

- 101. By committing the foregoing acts of discrimination and retaliation against Plaintiff, Defendants violated the PHRA.
- 102. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violation of the PHRA, Plaintiff has sustained the injuries, damages, and losses set forth herein and has incurred attorneys' fees and costs.
- 103. Plaintiff is now suffering and will continue to suffer irreparable injury and monetary damages as a result of Defendants' discriminatory and retaliatory acts unless and until this Court grants the relief requested herein.
 - 104. No previous application has been made for the relief requested herein.

RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks damages and legal and equitable relief in connection with Defendants' unlawful conduct, and specifically prays that the Court grant the following relief to the Plaintiff by:

- a. declaring the acts and practices complained of herein to be a violation of Title VII and the PHRA;
- b. enjoining and restraining permanently the violations alleged herein;
- c. awarding Plaintiff damages for back pay, front pay, and pre- and post-judgment interest;
- d. awarding compensatory damages to Plaintiff for past and future emotional distress and pain and suffering under Title VII and the PHRA;
- e. awarding Plaintiff the costs of this action, together with reasonable attorneys' fees;
- f. awarding Plaintiff punitive damages under Title VII;
- g. awarding Plaintiff such other damages as are appropriate under Title VII and the PHRA; and
- h. granting such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT

COMPLAINANT:	:
TIFFANY WILSON	:
v	:
RESPONDENTS:	;
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON	:
and	:
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	: : :

Docket No. 201902126

1. The Complainant herein is:

Name:

Tiffany Wilson

Address:

redacted

Belvidere, NJ 07823

2. The Respondents herein are:

Names:

County of Northampton; Department of Corrections

Northampton County

Address:

669 Washington Street

Easton, PA 18042

3. I, <u>Tiffany Wilson</u>, the Complainant herein, allege that I was subjected to unlawful discrimination because of my sex (female) and retaliation because of my complaints of sex discrimination, as set forth below.

Discrimination and Retaliation

A. I specifically allege:

- [1] I was hired by Respondents in or about October 22, 2018.
- [2] I am a current employee of Respondents.
- [3] I consistently perform my job duties in a highly competent manner, and receive positive feedback.
 - [4] I hold the position of Corrections Officer.
- [5] I report to Lieutenant Mark Williams (male). Williams reports to Captain Jason Werley (male).
- [6] I am one (1) of approximately fifteen (15) female Correction Officer employees out of approximately two hundred (200) Correction Officer employees reporting indirectly to Werley.
- [7] Respondents have an underrepresentation of female employees, particularly in high-level positions.
- [8] Beginning in or about February 2019, I understood that Kristian Camacho (male), Corrections Officer, wanted to have a personal relationship with me.
- [9] I found Camacho's comments and conduct to be offensive, based on my sex, and contributing to the hostile work environment to which I was subjected.
- [10] In or about February 2019, Camacho began sending me text messages of a personal nature and asking me to go out with him for drinks after work.
 - [11] I understood that Camacho wanted to have sex with me.
 - [12] Camacho repeatedly made comments about my physical appearance.
 - [13] Camacho commented that I looked "great."

- [14] Camacho commented that he could tell I have been working out.
- Camacho watched me on the security cameras at work. [15]
- Camacho told me that I should go to Florida with him. [16]
- [17] Camacho repeatedly called me on my cell phone.
- Camacho routinely talked about taking me out, and commented about how [18] I always tell him "no."
- [19] Camacho commented that he should come over to my house, stating that he was great with kids and could help me out, knowing that I was a single parent, and telling me that it did not have to be "weird."
- Camacho told me that he could help me find a new apartment, stating that [20] he had connections and he had contacted a friend about an apartment for me.
 - Camacho worked overtime hours when I was scheduled to work. [21]
 - Camacho took his break when I took my break. [22]
 - I asked Camacho to stop calling me. [23]
 - I told Camacho to leave me alone. [24]
- [25] When Camacho engaged in comments and conduct of a sexual nature, I objected; I rejected his advances.
 - When I rejected Camacho's advances, Camacho became upset. [26]
- [27] Camacho did not stop his comments and conduct of a sexual nature, despite my objections and rejections.
- On or about February 19, 2019, in a meeting with, and written incident [28] report given to, Captain David Collins (male), I complained of sex discrimination in connection with Camacho. I complained that Camacho was trying to have a personal relationship with me,

and that I felt powerless as a female in a male-dominated industry. I complained to Collins that Camacho's sex-based comments and conduct toward me had been going on for some time but I was afraid to report it because I was a new employee at Respondents. I complained that Camacho made me feel uncomfortable and nervous. Collins accused me of responding to Camacho's text messages, and did not appear to take my sex discrimination complaints seriously.

- [29] Respondents failed to investigate my sex discrimination complaints.
- [30] Respondents failed to remedy or prevent the sex discrimination to which I have been subjected.
- [31] In or about April 2019, Camacho approached me and asked me if I made a complaint about him. I told him that I did because I was feeling uncomfortable with his comments and conduct toward me.
 - [32] Camacho sent an Edible Arrangements fruit bouquet to my house.
- [33] Camacho placed his hand on my right shoulder, squeezed my shoulder, and then slid his hand to the back of my neck. I pulled away from him.
 - [34] Camacho ran his hands through my hair. I pulled away from him.
- [35] Camacho came up behind me, placed his hand on my upper back and slid it down to my lower back. I pulled away from him. After roll call that day, Officer Eric Slack (male) told Officer Orlando Rivera (male) about how weird it was that Camacho placed his hand on my upper back and slid it down to my lower back, and Rivera asked me about it. I complained that Camacho was constantly doing uncomfortable things to me, and that he never took a hint.

[37] On April 27, 2019, Camacho stood in my office doorway, blocking me from leaving. Camacho watched me put on Chap Stick, and stated to me: "let me get some, but not from the container." I understood that Camacho wanted to kiss me. I rejected his advances and told him to go away.

On April 27, 2019, following the above incident, Camacho again [38] approached me in my office and was persistent in trying to hold a conversation with me as I was working. Camacho was making it difficult for me to work by playing with items on my desk or trying to touch my shoulders and my hair. Camacho kept interrupting me and trying to take away what I was working on. Camacho left my office and took my water jug with him. After he left, Officer Brittany Borelli (female) came into my office and asked what Camacho was doing. I stated that I had complained of Camacho, due to his sex-based comments and conduct toward me, and that he does not stop. Borelli told me that she had noticed that he was "really all over [me] and wouldn't leave [me] alone," When Officer Camacho came back to my office, he put my water jug down on my desk and pulled up a chair next to my desk, trapping me in my office; the only way to get out was to walk by him but in a very close manner, which I did not want to do. Camacho asked me to go do a "round" with him in the hallway. I told him no, and that I would do my round in a few minutes. I continued doing my work until he left my office, and then I went on my round. On my way back to my office, he turned the corner and walked toward me, commented that I went on rounds without him. As I walked toward him down the hallway, I had to turn away from him to pass him so that I did not touch him. As I passed him in the

hallway, he turned toward me and smacked my buttocks. I walked quickly away from him, as I was in too much shock to know how to respond. Camacho was laughing and stated; "it's not that serious, I was just messing with you."

- [39] On April 27, 2019, late that night, Camacho called me from an unrecognized number on my cell phone, asking me if I was upset. I ended the conversation with him.
- [40] On or about May 6, 2019, in a meeting with Williams, after he returned from vacation, I complained of sex discrimination in connection with Camacho. I complained that Camacho slapped me on my buttocks. Williams pulled up video footage showing Camacho slapping me on my buttocks. Williams was aware of my first sex discrimination complaint in connection with Camacho and stated that Camacho was not going to remain employed with Respondents.
- [41] On or about May 20, 2019, in a meeting with, and written incident report given to, Elizabeth Kelly (female), Human Resources Director, I complained of sex discrimination in connection with Camacho. I complained that Camacho slapped me on my buttocks and engaged in sex-based comments and conduct toward me. Kelly stated that this behavior was not acceptable and that it would not be tolerated.
- [42] Respondents failed to remedy or prevent the sex discrimination to which I have been subjected.
- [43] Respondents placed Camacho on a paid administrative leave for approximately two (2) months.
- [44] I heard that employees were spreading rumors that Camacho and I had a sexual relationship.

- [45] I heard that employees were stating that I could not be trusted, and that I was getting male employees fired.
 - [46] Male employees ignored me and excluded me from conversations.
- [47] Female employees told me that sex-based comments and conduct were normal at Respondents, and that I Camacho would not get fired, and that if female employees, including me, wanted to keep our jobs, we "just have to get over it and have a thick skin."
- [48] I was interviewed three (3) times throughout the course of Respondents' investigation into my complaints.
- [49] Respondents failed to provide me with an investigative report following the investigation.
- [50] On multiple occasions, I requested from Kelly copies of my written sex discrimination complaints and Respondents' investigation report, and did not receive responses to my requests.
- [51] I again complained to Kelly that I was upset and uncomfortable with how Respondents handled my complaints, and that I was afraid for my safety because Camacho knew where I lived, as evidenced by him sending me an Edible Arrangements fruit bouquet to my home. I stated that I was planning to move out of my apartment. Kelly stated that was a good idea.
- [52] On August 13, 2019, Kelly informed me that Camacho would be retuning to work at Respondents.
- [53] On August 13, 2019, Respondents issued to me a Directive entitled "Direction for personal safety." Kelly told me that I was issued the Directive "[f]or [my] protection." Kelly told me that Respondents issued the same Directive to Camacho. The

- Respondents issued a Directive to me because of my sex and/or my [54] complaints of sex discrimination.
 - [55] Camacho remains employed at Respondents.
 - I was told that Camacho was talking about me to other employees. [56]
- I was told that Camacho was joking about slapping my "ass," and that he [57] got a paid vacation out of it.
 - I was told that Camacho stated he does not regret slapping my "ass." [58]

- [59] Male employees, including Officer Barry Mlodossich (male), Officer John
- Cronce (male), and Officer Orlando Rivera (male), have commented to me: "Hey, Wilson, I'm
- looking for a vacation, can I slap your ass?"
- Male employees, including Mlodossich, Cronce, and Rivera have [60] commented to me: "I don't blame Camacho, I would have slapped your ass, too."
- Male employees routinely comment on my body and my physical [61] appearance.
- Respondents have failed to remedy or prevent the sex discrimination and [62] retaliation to which I have been subjected.
- [63] Respondents have subjected me to a hostile work environment because of my sex.
- Respondents have subjected me to a hostile work environment because of [64] my complaints of sex discrimination.
- Female employees have been subjected to sex-based comments and [65] conduct at Respondents. Female employees are stalked by male employees, are subjected to comments about their bodies and physical appearance, are asked to have "threesomes," and are subjected to comments about what things the male employees want to do to the female employees sexually, and certain male employees have reputations for forcing themselves on female employees.
- When female employees have complained of sex discrimination, [66] Respondents have been dismissive of the complaints.
- [67] Respondents have failed to remedy or prevent the culture of sex discrimination at Respondents.

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Respondents have failed to remedy or prevent the culture of retaliation at [68]

Respondents.

- Respondents' sex discriminatory and retaliatory conduct and comments [69] have caused me emotional distress.
- I bring this Complaint as a class and pattern and practice Complaint [70] on behalf of myself and any and all current or former similarly situated employees of Respondents who are female, and have been discriminated against based on sex, in connection with being subjected to a hostile work environment and/or failure to be promoted, and on behalf of myself and any and all current or former similarly situated. employees of Respondents who have been retaliated against in connection with complaints of violation of Respondents' sexual harassment policy.
- B. Based on the aforementioned, I allege that Respondents have discriminated against me because of my sex (female) and retaliated against me because of my complaints of sex discrimination, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et seq. ("Title VII"), and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, as amended, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq. ("PHRA").
- 4. The allegations in Paragraph 3 hereof constitute unlawful discriminatory practices in violation of:

<u>A</u>	rennsylvania Ruman Relations Act (Act of October 27, 1955, P.L.
744, as	amended) Section 5 Subsection(s): (a); (d)
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	Section 5.2 Subsection(s)

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P.L. 766, as amended) Section 4 Subsection(s)

- 5. Other action based upon the aforesaid allegations has been instituted by the Complainant in any court or before any other commission within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as follows:
 - X This charge will be referred to the EEOC for the purpose of dual filing.
 - 6. The Complainant seeks that Respondent be required to:
 - (a) Make the Complainant whole.
 - (b) Eliminate all unlawful discriminatory and retaliatory practice(s) and procedure(s).
 - (c) Remedy the discriminatory and retaliatory effect of past practice(s) and procedure(s).
 - (d) Take further affirmative action necessary and appropriate to remedy the violation complained of herein.
 - (e) Provide such further relief as the Commission deems necessary and appropriate.

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Exhibit B

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U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO SUE WITHIN 90 DAYS

VIA EMAIL

150 M Street, N.E. Karen Ferguson , EMP, 4CON, Room 9.514 Washington, DC 20530

May 21, 2021

Ms. Tiffany Wilson c/o Fernando I. Rivera, Esquire Console Mattiacci Law 1525 Locust Street, 9th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: EEOC Charge Against County of Northampton, et al.

No. 17F202060112

Dear Ms. Wilson:

Because you filed the above charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and more than 180 days have elapsed since the date the Commission assumed jurisdiction over the charge, and no suit based thereon has been filed by this Department, and because you through your attorney have specifically requested this Notice, you are hereby notified that you have the right to institute a civil action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, et seq., against the above-named respondent.

If you choose to commence a civil action, such suit must be filed in the appropriate Court within 90 days of your receipt of this Notice.

The investigative file pertaining to your case is located in the EEOC Philadelphia District Office, Philadelphia, PA.

This Notice should not be taken to mean that the Department of Justice has made a judgment as to whether or not your case is meritorious.

Sincerely,

Pamela S. Karlan
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

by /s/ Karen L. Ferguson
Karen L. Ferguson
Supervisory Civil Rights Analyst
Employment Litigation Section

cc: Philadelphia District Office, EEOC County of Northampton, et al.